

### **Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Program**

The Drinking Water Supply Protection grant program provides funds to municipalities and other eligible entities to protect and actively maintain key parcels of land believed critical to protecting current and future drinking water supplies. Potential projects may include the protection of land in and around groundwater aquifers and recharge areas, surface water supplies and watershed areas, and surface or underground lands adjacent to those resources. Eligible entities include those recognized by a legislative act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which were created to provide drinking water infrastructure and services to the public. Such entities include but are not limited to Water Districts and Fire Districts. All applicants must have a current Source Water Assessment Report on file with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to be eligible for grant funding.

All parcels for which assistance is provided through this grant must be open to the general public for appropriate recreational use while consistent with 310 CMR 22.00 and must be protected open space under Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Drinking Water Supply Protection grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Projects that demonstrate financial or corporative efforts among partners, augment or connect existing conservation lands, or lie within identified priority conservation or recreation land, will receive greater consideration for funding. Requests for grant funding cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost, with a maximum request of \$500,000.

The Drinking Water Supply Protection grant program is a reimbursement program. Selected award recipients must expend funds equal to 100% of the total project cost and complete the approved project before a reimbursement request can be made.

### **Request for Response (RFR) and Grant Workshop**

Please visit the Comm-PASS website (<https://www.comm-pass.com/>) for the FY06 Drinking Water Supply Protection Request for Response (RFR). EOEA will hold an informational workshop on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the EOEA building in Boston (100 Cambridge Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room D). Directions are available online at <http://www.mass.gov/envir/contactus.htm>. Please RSVP to Christy Edwards ([Christy.Edwards@state.ma.us](mailto:Christy.Edwards@state.ma.us)) if you plan to attend the workshop.

#### **FY06 Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant Comm-PASS Instructions:**

- 1.) On the Comm-PASS home page (<http://www.comm-pass.com/>) look for the "Conduct Business" box on the right-hand side of the page.
- 2.) In the "Conduct Business" box select "Search for Solicitations"
- 3.) In the "Search by Keyword" section at the top of the page, type "Drinking Water Supply Protection" in the "Keywords" search field
- 4.) This search will yield two results. Click on the sentence on the top of the page that says: "There are 2 Solicitation(s) found that match your search criteria"
- 5.) On the next page you will see two entries. Be sure to select the information for the FY06 grant program by clicking on the spectacle icon on the far right-hand side of the "Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant 2006" entry.
- 6.) On the next page click on the tab that says "Specifications"
- 7.) The grant RFR, answers to questions, and amendments to the original RFR are posted. Click on the spectacle icon to view and print any document posted in this section.